# **National Public Lands Day Tour** August 30-September 30, 2006 From the Big Apple to the Golden Gate **Western Regional Tour** September 15 – September 30<sup>th</sup>

Moab, Utah Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 AM Sand Flats Recreation Area and Colorado Riverway Recreation Area Moab Field Office, BLM



The Bureau of Land Management has an extensive history with National Public Lands Day. Being involved since the first National Public Lands Day, the BLM now turns out over 100 volunteer worksites every year. Moab, Utah is known for the wonderful terrain for mountain biking. Enthusiasts come from all over the world to experience it. \$1,000 will be granted to the Moab Trails Alliance and Grand County Trail Mix to work on mountain bike trails on BLM managed land. This grant also highlights the longstanding partnership National Public Lands MOAB TRAILS ALLIANCE Day has had with The International Mountain Bicycling Association.

The ceremony will take place in front of the Moab Information Center at Main and Center St., Moab, Utah. The MIC is a multi-agency facility, providing information about the parks and public lands maintained by the US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and the National Park Service.

After the ceremony, a shuttle will be provided to Porcupine Rim and attendees, volunteers, and the public is invited to go mountain biking.

#### Attendees will include:

- Russ Von Koch and Katie Stevens, Buearu of Land Management
- Kim Schappert, Moab Trails Alliance
- David Olson, City of Moab and representative to Trail Mix for the City
- Holly Jensen, Moab Friends for Wheeling
- Ginny Carlson, Chair, Trail Mix
- Jim Lewis, Grand County Council, County member of Trail Mix

#### Main POC:

Kimberly Schappert; Moab Trails Alliance 435-260-8197 Russ Von Koch; BLM 435-259-2100

Las Vegas Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area, Lee Canyon 1000 Scenic Loop Drive Las Vegas, NV 89124 Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> – 3:30pm

Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area has been participating in National Public Lands Day for several years. This year, there are actually two separate National Public Lands Day projects. The BLM is organizing an event on September 16<sup>th</sup> where volunteers will clean up an illegal shooting range and camp sites along a quarter mile long dirt road. Restoration will involve mulching, seeding, and installing live plants.

On September 30<sup>th</sup>, the Friends of Red Rock Canyon will repair the boardwalk and clear trash at Red Spring picnic area. In addition several volunteers will perform much needed trail maintenance on Pine Creek, Moenkopi, and Sandstone Quarry trails.

The Friends of Red Rock Canyon will receive \$1,000 and will go towards both these projects. The ceremony will take place at the main visitor center at RRCNCA.

### Attendees will include:

- Patricia Williams President, Friends of Red Rock Canyon
- Gracia Friesema Vice-President, Friends of Red Rock Canyon
- Blaine Benedict Director-at-Large, Friends of Red Rock Canyon
- Athena Sparks Secretary, Friends of Red Rock Canyon
- Mark Rekshynskyj -RRCNCA Park Manager
- Debbie Wright RRCNCA Lead Park Ranger

## **Main POC:**

Mark Rekshynskyj, BLM (702) 515-5356 Blaine Benedict, Friends of Red Rock Canyon 702-258-8265 Denver, Colorado Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup> – 12:30 PM Denver Toyota and Castlewood Canyon State Park Toyota Motor Sales 9676 Maroon Circle Englewood, CO 80112



Toyota Motor Sales, USA, Inc. has been the national sponsor for National Public Lands Day since 1999. Every year, dozen of Toyota offices and thousands of volunteers come out on National Public Lands Day and volunteer their free-time for our public lands. The Toyota offices in Denver, Colorado have been exceptional stewards of their public lands by planting trees and refurbishing the forest at the Hayman Fire Site outside Denver for several years.

This year, employees are visiting Castlewood Canyon State Park, where tasks include reseeding areas disrupted by a bridge replacement; clearing scrub oak from a historic "mystery" structure; trail maintenance; pulling weeds/mullen; and willow planting.

The Public Lands Day Highlander will visit the Toyota offices where a \$2,000 grant will be presented to the Friends of Castlewood Canyon State Park.

#### Attendees will include:

- Bruce Papich, Toyota
- TBD, Castlewood Canyon State Park
- TBD, Friends of Castlewood Canyon State Park
- TBD, Colorado State Parks

Main POC: Bruce Papich, Toyota (303) 799-6776

Denver, Colorado Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup> – 4:00 PM Grand County Arapaho Roosevelt National Forest



Arapaho Roosevelt National Forest has been participating as a National Public Lands Day worksite since the 2<sup>nd</sup> National Public Lands Day. That means they have most NPLDs out of any site participating this year with 12 under their belts. The Arapaho Roosevelt National Forest always does an excellent job partnering with several organizations, both public and private.

The Public Lands Tour will stop at Arapaho Roosevelt National Forest to present a \$1,000 grant to the Headwaters Trails Alliance for their efforts on the Contenential Divide Trail within Arapaho Rooselvelt National Forest. The ceremony will take place at the Forest Service offices in Granby.

The work projects on National Public Lands Day will include buck-n-rail fence construction to preserve a historical cabin/ranch as well as new trail construction on a town-to-town connection trail system. Turnpike or bridge construction with trail rehab on High Lonesome Trail, part of the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail system will also be a big part of the project.

## Main POC:

BJ Duffy, USFS Ph: (970) 887-4120

# Yellowstone, Wyoming Yellowstone National Park Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> – 6:00 PM



The Public Land Tour will be stopping through one of our nation's most prized public lands to present a \$1,000 grant to Yellowstone Park Foundation for specific trail work to be completed on National Public Lands Day. The projects will include elimanation of invading plant species from the Indian Creek campground up to the Bighorn Pass, which is designated as the headwaters of the famous Gallatin River.

The check presentation will take place during the Yellowstone Park Foundation's Board of Director's meeting at Old Faithful Inn at 6:00 PM.

### Attendees include:

- Yellowstone Park Foundation Board of Directors
- Yellowstone Park Foundation Advisory Council
- Yellowstone National Park Superintendent Suzanne Lewis
- Yellowstone National Park Acting Deputy Superintendent Sue Masica
- Yellowstone National Park Division Chiefs

#### Main POCs:

Elizibeth Marnum, Yellowstone Park Foundation 406.586.6303
Bernie Adams, NPS

Ph: (307) 344-2047

# Portland, Oregon Bonneville Lock and Dam, Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup> – 9:30 AM

Bonneville Lock and Dam consists of several dam structures that together complete a span of the Columbia River between Oregon and Washington. The dam is located 40 miles east of Portland, Oregon, in the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers operates and maintains Bonneville Lock and Dam for hydropower production, fish and wildlife protection, recreation and navigation. Since 1938, Bonneville Dam has supplied the region with inexpensive electrical power. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers have been participating in National Public Lands Day for over 10 years.

This year, Bonneville Lock and Dam plans to spruce up the shoreline, work on habitat restoration, trail improvements and remove invasive species that are threatening the area. An educational tour of Bonneville Dam and the surrounding area will also be provided to all volunteers and the interested public.

Main POC:

Ron A. McDonald, USACE U.S. Army Corps of Engineers/ Bonneville Lock & Dam Visitors Center/ Interstate 84, Exit 40, USACE Warehouse (541) 374-8344 x. 2584

Portland, Oregon Columbia Children's Arboretum 10040 NE 6th Ave Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup> – 3:30 PM





The Portland Toyota offices have been doing National Public Lands Day events for years. This year, approximately 60 employees will return to volunteer at the Columbia Children's Arboretum to perform an overall spruce up of the park. Toyota employees will be providing work parties to remove invasive black berry trees, spread wood-chips, prune trees, and other park maintenance.

The Public Lands Tour will stop by the Columbia Children's Arobretum on September 25<sup>th</sup> and present the Friends of Columbia Children's Arboretum a \$1,000 to continue to help shape the future of this newly designated new public land (1999).

- TBD Portland Parks and Recreation
- TBD Friends of Columbia Children's Arboretum
- Clyde Dyson General Manager Toyota Motor Sales Portland Region
- Kevin Cour Assistant General Manager Toyota Motor Sales Portland Region
- Don Stose Regional Training Manager

Main POC: Don Stose, Toyota (503) 493-5365

# Northern California Yosemite National Park

Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 AM

From September 27<sup>th</sup> to October 1<sup>st</sup>, the Yosemite Climbing Association will once again host a Yosemite-wide cleanup to benefit the park and help restore high use areas after the busy summer season. The goal is an intensive cleaning of all areas in the park before the winter rains set in. This will include roadways, the river corridor, trails, parking areas, campgrounds, climbing areas, and lodging areas.

Volunteers can meet in the front of the Visitor Center between 8:00 am to 5:00 pm from September 27<sup>th</sup> to October 1<sup>st</sup> to pick up trash bags and litter sticks.

On September 28<sup>th</sup>, the Public Lands Highlander will stop by El Portal Elementary School at 7:00 PM to present a \$1,000 grant to the Yosemite Climbing Association to help supplement the budget of the weeklong National Public Lands Day events.

The check ceremony will be held prior to screenings of Josh Lowell's *Dosage Volume IV* and Peter Mortimer's *First Ascent*, which are both part of the *Reel Rock Film Tour*. Austrian climber, Klem Loskot will be on hand to help introduce the film and sign copies of his most recent book. *East Auditorium behind the Valley Visitor Center*.

### **Main POC:**

Ken Yager, Yosemite Climbing Association (209) 379-2302

San Francisco Golden Gate National Recreation Area September 30<sup>th</sup> - National Public Lands Day – 9AM – 3 PM San Francisco, CA

The Public Lands Tour will culminate at Golden Gate National Recreation Area where a yet to be determined grant will be awarded to The National Parks Conservancy to help assist with their efforts for such a large scale volunteer event. The National Parks Conservancy along with Golden Gate National Recreation Area are hosting eight separate work projects to celebrate National Public Lands Day including sites at Crissy Field, Fort Funsen Nursery, Marin Headlands Native Nursery, Presidio Nursery, Muir Woods, and Alcatraz Island.

Volunteers will meet at Crissy Field at 9AM for free breakfast and coffee before being shuttled to various worksites. Volunteers will be shuttled back to Crissy Field at 1:00 for free lunches and presentation by guest speaker, Richard Louv, author of "Last Child in the Woods."

# 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

**Volunteer Projects** will be held at sites throughout San Francisco, The Presidio, Marin, and San Mateo. Activities will include: habitat restoration, landscaping, native plant nursery projects, beach clean-ups, and trail maintenance.

### 1:15 pm - 3:00 pm

Volunteers return to Crissy Field for lunch and guest speaker.

Invited: Richard Louv, author "Last Child in the Woods"

## Main POC:

Denise Shea, NPS (415) 561-3013

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# East Coast Mini-Tour August 30<sup>th</sup> – September 1<sup>st</sup>

New York City Washington Square West 4th Street and MacDougal Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> - 1:00 PM

Partnership for Parks, an organization that works to increase community support for and involvement in parks throughout New York City is hosting over 10 National Public Lands Day events this year. To commemorate and reward their efforts, National Public Lands Day is presenting them with a \$1,000 grant to assist their efforts. Partnerships for Parks is a joint program of City Parks Foundation and City of New York Parks & Recreation.

Toyota Motor Sales, USA, Inc. New York offices have volunteered at Washington Square during previous National Public Lands Days. Staff members will be on hand for the check presentation.

Main POC: (Partnerships for Parks) *Eileen Stasny Remor*, (212) 360-8126 Tony Kileen, (212) 360-8156

Philadelphia
Valley Forge National Historic Site
1400 North Outerline Drive
King of Prussia, PA 19406
Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup> – 2:00 pm

Valley Forge National Historical Park has been involved with National Public Lands Day for over 5 years. In 2004, volunteers worked during Hurricane Ivan to clear invasive weeds and help restore a historical building. National Public Lands Day is rewarding Friends of Valley Forge with \$500 grant for National Public Lands Day 2006. The grant will help supply gloves, water, safety supplies for painting and vegetation projects on National Public Lands Day.



### Attendees will include:

- Mike Caldwell, Valley Forge National Historical Park Superintendent
- Bruce Baki , Friends of Valley Forge President
- Ernestine White , Acting Volunteer Program Coordinator

## Main POC:

Ernestine White, NPS (610) 783-1065